



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Murphy, et al.
Serial No. : 09/407,806
Filed : September 28, 1999
Title : ALPHA-GALACTOSIDASE ENZYMES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THEM
AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING THEM (AMENDED)

Art Unit : 1652
Examiner : David J. Steadman, Ph.D.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action, mailed May 20, 2003, and in further response to the final Office Action mailed October 08, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A Notice of Appeal was filed January 17, 2003. Thus, the response was initially due March 17, 2003. Applicants herein submit a petition for a five month extension of time to August 17, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

The amendment to the claims are submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Practice under 37 CFR 1.121, Final Rule, dated June 30, 2003, effective July 30, 2003. As noted in the Advisory Action, mailed May 20, 2003, the proposed amendment of

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Applicants' response and amendment of April 17, 2003, was not entered. Thus, the claim markings in the instant response show changes relative to the last entered amendment.

Amendments to the specification are on page 3 of this paper.

The amendments are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings are on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
- Exhibit A